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### **State Grant Will Help More Than 100 Laid-Off Bay Area Workers Find New Employment**

**SACRAMENTO** – A \$500,000 state grant has been awarded to the North Santa Clara Valley Job Training Consortium (NOVA) to assist 107 workers who lost jobs in the Silicon Valley find employment in high-growth, high-demand industries.

“The Silicon Valley has witnessed a significant increase in the number of individuals affected by layoff,” said Patrick Henning, Director of the California Employment Development Department (EDD). “With this grant, NOVA will be able to provide more workers with the career assistance they need to find new technical and administrative jobs in growing industries.”

The affected workers have been laid off from various industries, primarily information technology and advanced manufacturing companies. This funding will enable NOVA to provide career advising, skills preparation services, job search assistance, and training so workers are able to move into a variety of high-demand jobs in the region. The jobs will be centered in high-growth industries, such as advanced manufacturing, transportation, retail, and professional and business services.

The number of employees laid off in NOVA’s workforce investment area has increased from 1,686 in 2005 to 3,969 in 2007, according to Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) information reported to the State. In addition, NOVA has been notified by companies of layoffs affecting large groups of workers, such as Yahoo (490 employees), Lockheed Martin Space Systems (80 employees), Flextronics (190 employees) and Palm (66 employees).

Funding for the program is drawn from the Governor’s 25 percent portion of Dislocated Worker Funds from Title I of the federal Workforce Investment Act and is under the administrative authority of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency’s EDD.

For more information about this project, please contact the NOVA Workforce Investment Board at (408) 730-7240.

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